

This response was submitted to the consultation held by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on *The linking and use of biological and health data* between 17 October 2013 and 10 January 2014. The views expressed are solely those of the respondent(s) and not those of the Council.

Dear Jo,

As my response is so simple, I hope you will forgive me if I do not put it in a Word document. I endorse fully the concerns raised by the Wellcome Trust and other leading biomedical charities about the threat to the use of biomedical data posed by the Albrecht amendments to the proposed EU Data Protection Regulation. If adopted by the Council of Ministers, these amendments will seriously undermine the use of health data, for example in biobanks, by denying citizens the opportunity to give generic consent to the use of health data concerning their own bodies.

I attach a response form as requested. I am already on the Nuffield mailing list.

Kind regards,